Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program, comprising ~~a circuit for communication with means of connection to a bidirectional communications network, wherein the apparatus comprises~~

- a first connector for communication with a master apparatus; said connector comprising an electrical coupling for the reception of a supply voltage from a master apparatus;

- at least a second connector for communication with a peripheral apparatus;

~~- a means of transmission of a supply voltage (VBUS) on the first connector originating from the master apparatus;~~

- means of [[detection of the]] detecting a presence of the supply voltage [[(VBUS)]] on the first connector, the means of [[detection]] detecting controlling a switching circuit for [[going]] switching the apparatus [[from]] to a master mode of operation [[of the apparatus]] in relation to the peripheral apparatus in the case of the absence of the voltage [[(VBUS)]], and [[from]] to a slave mode of operation in relation to the master apparatus when the supply voltage is present.

2. (Original) Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the first connector is a B type USB connector and each second connector is an A type USB connector.

3. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the switching circuit comprises two first inputs/output pins each linked to [[an]] respective ones of two input/output pins of a controller managing the bidirectional transfer of data between the first or the second connector and a [[so-called]] main microprocessor of the apparatus, the switching circuit also comprises two second inputs/outputs and

two third inputs/outputs allowing the connection of the first and second connector so that either the first connector is linked to the respective ones of the two inputs/outputs pins of the controller through respective ones of the first and second inputs/output pins, or the second connector is linked to the respective ones of the two inputs/outputs pins of the controller through the respective ones of the first and third inputs/output pins.

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 3, wherein the means of [[detection are]] detecting is linked, firstly to a specific input of the switching circuit, secondly to an input of the controller and thirdly to an input of the main microprocessor.

5. (Original) Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the master apparatus is a personal computer and the apparatus comprises a digital decoder connected to the communication network so as to allow the computer to talk to said network.

6. (Original) Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 3, wherein the means of detection comprise a line transmitting either the supply voltage appearing on the first connector, or a signal representative of the appearance of the supply voltage on the first connector, to the switching circuit, the controller and the main microprocessor.

7. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to claim 1, wherein the peripheral [[or peripherals are]] apparatus is linked to the second connector of the apparatus by way of a splitter.